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SUBJECT: PRESS HANDLING

1. SO FAR HAVE HELD LOCAL FOREIGN PRESS AT BAY EXCEPT FOR BRIEF INFORMAL COMMENT AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL. TYPICALLY, CHINESE PRESS HAS NOT APPROACHED EXCEPT ON ARRIVAL.
 2. PARTLY IN INTEREST FUTURE USLO PRESS RELATIONS, I PLAN LATER THIS WEEK, IF OUR BUSINESS SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED, TO RECEIVE ONLY WESTERN PRESS. PLAN CROWD THEN INTO OUR SMALL SITTING ROOM BOTH TO ENCOURAGE BREVITY AND UNDERLINE FACT (AS PHONED INVITATION WILL STATE) IT IS NOT " PRESS CONFERENCE" BUT INFORMAL " GET ACQUAINTED" MEETING. WILL INFORM PRC, THOUGH THEY HAVE SAID HANDLING FOREIGN PRESS UP TO US.
 3. PLAN CONFINE REMARKS TO HELPFULNESS ALL PRC OFFICIALS CONCERNED; ASSUMING MATTER SETTLED BY THEM (AND PROBABLY GENERALLY KNOWN ANYWAY) STATE WHERE WE WILL BE LOCATED. REMARKS WOULD NOT BE FOR ATTRIBUTION BY SAME BUT OTHERWISE USABLE.
 4. FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS HERE AGREE THIS BEST PROCEDURE WHICH PRESS WILL APPRECIATE. WESTERN PRESS AT LEAST, THOUGH CHRONICALLY NEWS THIRSTY, HAVE REPUTATION BEING GENERALLY WELL DISCIPLINED DUE HEAVY RELIANCE ON GOODWILL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.
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